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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE POST OFFICE
DEPARTMENT.

LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

TRANSMITTING

A report of the disbursing agent of the Post Office Department.

FEBRUARY 28, 1849.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
February 24, 1849.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the disbursing agent of this department, exhibiting in detail his receipts and payments during the calendar year 1848.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. JOHNSON,
Postmaster General.

Honorable ROBERT C. WINTHROP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
February 7, 1849.

SIR: Pursuant to the provisions of the 20th section of the act of Congress approved 26th August, 1842, I have the honor to submit the following report of my transactions as disbursing agent of the Post Office Department, during the calendar year 1848.

The unexpended balances in my hands on the 1st of January, 1848, were as follows, viz:

For completing and furnishing the general post office building	\$7 44
For the purchase of ground north of the general post office building.....	1,617 52
For publishing a table of post offices, and the post office laws and instructions.....	1,670 93
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	\$3,295 89
Deduct balance due the agent on his account of disbursements for the contingent expenses of the department on the 1st January, 1848.....	2,478 22
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Balance in agent's hands 1st January, 1848	\$817 67
Add amount drawn from the treasury during the year for contingent expenses.....	9,260 00
Add for sales of waste paper.....	203 37
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Funds in the agent's hands during the year	\$10,281 04
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The payments out of the contingent fund, as shown by the detailed statement, herewith transmitted, were as follows, viz:

For blank books, binding, and stationery.....	\$1,518 67
newspapers and periodicals.....	23 33
fuel and oil.....	2,056 89
miscellaneous	1,805 28
printing	116 37
labor.....	1,825 50
day watch	420 00
temporary clerks.....	2,647 88
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	\$10,413 92
For this sum deposited in the treasury, to close the agent's account of disbursements for completing and furnishing the general post office building.....	7 44
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	\$10,421 36
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Balance due agent 1st January, 1849.....	\$140 32
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On the 1st of January, 1849, there remained in the treasury, applicable to the contingent expenses of the department, the aggregate sum of \$10,580 00, made up as follows, viz:

Balance of the contingent appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1848	\$1,000 00
The contingent appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1849, including the additional compensation to Robert B. Boyd.....	7,080 00

The appropriation for repairs, &c.....	\$500 00
The appropriation for compensation to temporary clerks	2,000 00
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	\$10,580 00
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I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. MARRON, *Agent.*

Honorable CAVE JOHNSON,
Postmaster General.

Exhibit of all payments from the contingent fund of the Post Office Department during the calendar year 1848.

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To whom paid.	For what paid.	Amount.	Total.
	<i>Blank books, binding, and stationery.</i>		
E. C. Allen.....	1 dozen pen holders.....		\$1 50
J. Albright.....	4 bundles paper holders.....		4 00
John A. Blake.....	Blank book, 6 quires medium, printed head, &c.....	\$6 00	
	Blank book, quarto post, 4 quires, &c.....	2 00	
do.....do.....	2 00	
	Morocco index to quarterly returns.....	2 50	
	1 blank book, 6 quires.....	6 00	
	2 appropriation legers.....	12 00	
	Ruling 3 reams mail bills.....	1 50	
	2 letter books, 6 quires each.....	9 00	
	1 "contingent bills".....	1 25	
	2 route books, 8 quires each.....	12 00	
	1.....do.....3 quires.....	2 25	
	1.....do.....do.....	2 25	
	1.....do.....4 quires, special routes.....	3 00	
	1.....do.....do.....appendix.....	3 00	
	1.....do.....6 quires.....	1 50	
	1 draft book, 10 quires.....	6 50	
	1 book, 6 quires, "post office stamps".....	6 00	
	4 quires of same, ruled and printed.....	3 00	
	6 letter books, 6 quires.....	27 00	
	2 blank books, 6 quires.....	9 00	
	Binding index.....	50	
	Ruling 2 reams double cap.....	1 00	
A. H. Young.....	5 gross elastic bands for papers.....		119 25
R. Farnham.....	21 cards steel pens.....	5 25	8 50
	1 gross, in box.....	50	
	Lead pencils and quills.....	90	
	6 quires of paper.....	1 50	
	2 quires folio post.....	75	
	1 folder, 25 cents; 1 red pencil, 4.....	29	

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Taste, sand box, and wafer box.....	62
Sealing wax, 30 cents; inkstand, 37 cents.....	67
1 ivory stamp.....	37
1 pair paper shears, 75 cents; 1 pair scissors, 25 cents.....	1 00
Cotton twine.....	10
12 dozen cards steel pens, at \$3.....	36 00
2 dozen quarts ink, \$3.....	6 00
2 dozen half pints red ink.....	4 00
Half dozen desk knives.....	1 75
1 dozen erasers.....	3 00
1 dozen ivory folders.....	3 00
4 reams paper, (envelope).....	14 00
2½ dozen desk knives.....	8 75
15 reams letter paper.....	60 00
1 gross pens.....	3 00
5 pounds of wafers.....	2 25
1 gross pens.....	3 00
25 reams paper.....	100 00
4 dozen cards pens.....	12 00
12 dozen tape.....	2 40
500 quills.....	10 00
3 pounds red wax.....	2 70
500 letter envelopes.....	1 50
200 long white envelopes.....	1 00
25 swan quills.....	3 00
7 dozen cards steel pens.....	21 00
1 dozen black sand, (in papers).....	37
4 reams envelope paper.....	14 00
25 reams letter paper.....	100 00
4 reams foolscap.....	14 00
2 dozen quarts ink.....	6 00
10 pounds wafers.....	4 50
2 dozen half pints red ink.....	4 00
12 dozen tape.....	2 40
1 peck black sand.....	25
Half ream blotting paper.....	2 50
2 dozen Congressional Directories.....	9 00
1 dozen silk taste.....	1 50
6 dozen cards steel pens.....	18 00
6 dozen tape.....	1 20
4 dozen lead pencils.....	1 60

EXHIBIT—Continued.

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To whom paid.	For what paid.	Amount.	Total.
R. Farnham—Continued.....	4 reams envelope paper.....	\$14 00	
	1 gross pens.....	3 00	
	25 cards of pens.....	6 25	
	1 penknife.....	1 50	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ ream note paper, gilt.....	1 00	
	24 dozen red tape.....	4 80	
	3 dozen red lead pencils.....	2 25	
	6 dozen black lead pencils.....	2 40	
	7 gross steel pens.....	21 00	
	10 reams letter paper.....	40 00	
	500 quills.....	10 00	
	1 penknife.....	1 50	
C. H. Butt.....	2 books, blank drafts.....	12 00	\$597 32
	4.....do.....	24 00	
R. Farnham.....	6.....do.....		36 00
	3 2-12 gross steel pens.....	9 50	36 00
	6 pair paper shears.....	4 50	
	5 reams cap paper.....	12 50	
	1 pass book.....	25	
	4 reams envelope paper.....	14 00	
	6 gross steel pens.....	18 00	
	3 reams folio post.....	15 00	
	12 dozen red tape.....	2 40	
	1 pound India rubber.....	60	
	1 gold pen and case.....	3 50	
	500 letter envelopes.....	1 50	
	2 reams cap.....	5 00	
	4 reams folio post.....	12 00	
	2 reams envelope paper.....	7 00	
	10 pounds wafers.....	4 50	
	6 pounds cotton twine.....	1 80	
	2 dozen black ink.....	6 00	

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2 reams note paper, gilt.....	4 00	
5½ gross steel pens.....	16 50	
40 reams letter paper.....	160 00	
2 dozen inkstands.....	9 00	
1 dozen wafer boxes.....	1 50	
1 dozen ivory folders.....	3 00	
9 erasers.....	2 25	
9 ¼ pints red ink.....	1 50	
12 dozen red tape.....	2 40	
6 dozen black lead pencils.....	2 40	
1 ream cap.....	5 50	
4 blank books.....	80	
3....do.....	1 12	
25 reams letter.....	100 00	
5....do.....	15 00	
2 reams folio post.....	10 00	
1 dozen black sand.....	38	
20½ gross steel pens.....	61 50	
7 pounds wafers.....	3 15	
2 pounds sealing wax.....	1 80	
4 reams envelope paper.....	14 00	
2 dozen black sand.....	75	
3 reams folio post.....	15 00	
1....do.....	5 00	
3 reams cap.....	15 00	
½ dozen paper weights.....	2 25	
1 ream paper.....	11 00	
1....do.....	11 00	
1½ ream letter.....	6 00	
½ dozen desk knives.....	1 75	
1 dozen ivory letter stamps.....	4 50	
500 large envelopes.....	2 50	
500 small envelopes.....	1 50	
C. H. Butt.....	5 books of blank drafts.....	33 25
F. Taylor.....	2 maps of United States and 2 Gazetteers.....	1 75
	British Almanac and Companion, 1846.....	3 00
	Silliman's Journal for January, March, and May, 1846.....	6 00
	Howard's Supreme Court Reports, volume 4.....	6 00
	4 American Almanacs for 1847, bound.....	1 75
	British Almanac and Companion, for 1847.....	

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To whom paid.	For what paid.	Amount.	Total.
F. Taylor—Continued.....	British Red Book, 1847.....	\$2 25	
	Howard's Supreme Court Reports, volume 5.....	6 00	
	4 American Almanacs, bound, 1848.....	6 00	
	British Almanac and Companion, 1848.....	1 75	
	Royal Calendar, 1848.....	2 25	
	Howard's Supreme Court Reports, volume 6.....	6 00	
			\$76 00
	Total for blank books, binding, and stationery.....		1,518 67
	<i>Newspapers and periodicals.</i>		
Ritchie & Heiss	Daily Union, from May, 1846, to May, 1848.....	20 00	
	Daily Union, from May 1 to September 1.....	3 33	
			23 33
	<i>Fuel and Oil.</i>		
R. Boteler.....	Sawing wood four days, at \$1 25.....		5 00
W. Lowry.....	Sawing 4 cords of wood.....		2 00
J. A. Donohoo	1 barrel of oil.....	40 50	
	1 box sperm candles.....	11 80	
	5 gallons oil.....	6 75	
	4.....do.....	5 40	
	5.....do.....	6 75	
	1 box sperm candles.....	11 97	
	5 gallons oil.....	6 75	
			89 92
W. Lowry.....	Sawing wood—4 cords		2 00
J. F. Callan	Furnishing iron lamp posts and gas lanterns, pipes, tubes, &c., with 10 burners		245 00
Isaac Hill	16½ cords wood		71 02
J. F. Callan	Supplying gas for office, from the 25th April last to the 30th June, 1848, at \$200 per annum..		36 67
H. Suite.....	Putting away 40 tons coal		15 00
W. W. Davis	40 tons coal		210 00
Isaac Hill	128 cords oak wood		499 20

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Eli Davis.....	113.....do.....		440 70
Gas Light Company.....	Care of lamps for 2 quarters.....		20 00
R. H. Gordon.....	3 months' supply of gas, at \$200 per annum.....		50 00
W. Lowry.....	Putting away 257 cords of wood.....		64 25
W. W. Davis.....	Sawing 257 cords of wood.....		149 50
J. A. Donohoo.....	10 tons Cumberland coal.....		67 20
	5 gallons oil, at \$1 35.....	6 75	
	1 box sperm candles.....	11 64	
	1.....do.....	11 04	
Washington Gas Light Company..	3 months' supply of gas.....		29 43
W. O. Jones.....	Lighting and care of lamps 1 quarter.....		50 00
			10 00
	Total for fuel and oil.....		2,056 89
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>			
Owen Summers.....	1 cushion for chair.....		2 50
C. Hatch, jr.....	1 gross Mount Eagle powder for cleaning windows.....		12 00
W. O. Jones.....	Repairing fence and casing door.....	2 50	
	Castors to chair.....	1 50	
			4 00
W. H. Harrover.....	1 stove, \$14; 33½ pounds pipe, \$6 70.....	20 70	
	Cap and elbow, 50 cents; 15 pounds zinc, \$3.....	3 50	
	Taking down Franklin stove and bricking up fire-place.....	2 00	
	Lead and solder.....	3 66	
	287 pounds sheet lead, \$35 87½; solder, 37½ cents.....	36 25	
	Carpenter's bill.....	7 75	
			73 86
J. & G. S. Gideon.....	24 copies Biennial Register, 1848.....		72 00
J. A. Cassell.....	Furnishing bricks and setting grate.....		4 25
W. H. Harrover.....	Plasterers' bill.....	1 50	
	3 glasses in lamps.....	1 50	
	2 lamps and posts.....	10 00	
			13 00
Henrietta Thompson.....	Making and washing five dozen towels.....		7 50
W. O. Jones.....	Furnishing hooks and rehanging gate.....		1 50
G. Willner.....	2 window blinds.....		4 50
D. A. Baird.....	Covering cushion.....	1 00	
	2 pieces of zinc, fixing, &c.....	1 00	
			2 00

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To whom paid.	For what paid.	Amount.	Total.
Robert Mills.....	6 copies Guide to Capitol, &c.....		\$4 50
H. Padelford.....	2 bottles counterfeit coin detector.....		1 00
C. Woodward.....	Grate and fixtures.....		31 87
Samuel Coleman.....	Dictionaries and map.....		15 50
W. O. Jones.....	Furnishing hasp and staples for cellar door, and putting on same.....		1 00
C. P. Sengstack.....	Glazing.....		1 65
W. J. Sibley.....	Cash paid for basket.....		1 50
J. A. Donohoo.....	Sweeping brushes and handles.....	\$2 63	
	Soap and hemp cord.....	79	
	Tacks.....	19	
W. Johnson.....	Services as scavenger one quarter.....		3 61
E. Vigal.....	Washing towels one quarter.....		35 00
W. J. Sibley.....	Use of horse, saddle, &c., one quarter.....		14 66
S. Iddins.....	Hauling dead letters.....		50 00
L. Bacon.....	Scouring one quarter.....		3 00
James Reed.....	Lighting lamps, &c., one quarter.....		7 50
F. Lamb.....	1 frame and glass—steamships.....		10 00
Washington and Petersburg Tele- graph Company.....	Telegraphic message to Richmond.....		12 00
Z. K. Offutt.....	Painting and varnishing.....		63
J. K. Boyd.....	Making and putting down carpets, and cleaning old carpets.....		8 00
Magnetic Telegraph Company.....	Message to Oswego.....		10 75
Do.....do.....	Message to Baltimore.....		5 32
Hall & Brother.....	Carpeting, thread, and binding.....		1 43
W. O. Jones.....	Ladder, and splicing one.....		54 00
James Williams & Son.....	1 dozen chairs.....		5 50
Telegraph Company.....	Message to Richmond.....		8 50
M. T. Parker.....	Painting lamp posts.....		47
Magnetic Telegraph Company.....	Messages to Baltimore.....		3 00
W. H. Harrover.....	149 pounds solder.....		93
	17 pounds copper.....	44 85	
	White lead cement.....	9 52	
	For cutting one wall.....	2 00	
		4 75	

	16½ days, at \$2 per day	33 50	
	4 days, at \$1 per day	4 00	
	Screws	62	
	Charcoal	75	
			99 99
D. A. Baird	Putting down 156 yards Canton matting		11 12
Robert Mayo	1 copy Revenue System		3 00
E. Vigil	Washing towels one quarter		15 25
Lucinda Bacon	Scouring one quarter		7 50
W. J. Sibley	Use of horse, saddle, &c., one quarter		50 00
S. Iddins	Hauling dead letters		2 50
G. Griffin	30 copies Canada Post Office List		22 50
Magnetic Telegraph Company	4 messages to Cincinnati and Boston		17 73
J. F. Callan	18 dozen lampwicks, \$4 50; cotton wicks, 25 cents	4 75	
	Lustre, 12 cents; sponge, 69 cents	81	
			5 56
Magnetic Telegraph Company	Message to Boston and Baltimore		3 00
Barnes & Mitchell	Matting, oil cloth, and cotton		63 66
B. Birch	Carpenters work		42 75
J. A. Wise	Repairing two wheelbarrows		2 50
A. Farr	Repairing clock, &c.		1 50
Magnetic Telegraph Company	Message to Philadelphia and St. Louis		12 11
J. W. Hodgson	Repairing locks, &c.		3 75
N. Halter	Cash paid for map for Post Office Department		5 00
J. A. Cassell	Repairing fire places and casing them, and resetting grate, &c.		48 50
E. Vigil	Washing towels one quarter		15 25
Wm. Johnson	Services as scavenger one quarter		85 00
L. Bacon	Scouring one quarter		7 50
W. J. Sibley	Furnishing horse for one quarter		50 00
Telegraph Company	Message to Baltimore and Pittsburg		1 43
Adams & Co.'s Express	Freight on a package		1 00
H. Moffitt	Sweeping chimneys		21 43
R. Webster	Hauling out dead letters		3 00
Wm. King	Mahogany desk, cloth, and repairing desk		53 25
Telegraph Company	Message to Columbus, Ohio	80	
	Message to Baltimore	11	
			91
George Knott	50 bushels of ice		22 50
D. Clagett & Co.	120½ yards imp. carpet, oil cloth, (6½ yards;) also 58½ yards Brussels carpet, thread, &c.		440 57
D. A. Baird	Making carpets, &c.		28 81
William Johnson	Services as scavenger three months		35 00

EXHIBIT—Continued.

To whom paid.	For what paid.	Amount.	Total.
W. H. Harrover.....	Iron work, as repairing grates, &c.....		\$51 31
B. Birch	Carpenters work, &c.....		37 00
Telegraph Company.....	Message	\$5 50	
	Message.....	2 38	
T. G. Russell & Co.....	Coal hods.....		7 88
J. A. Donohoo.....	Sweeping and scrub brushes, buckets, soap, &c.....		6 75
J. F. Callan.....	1 sponge		6 01
W. J. Sibley.....	Furnishing horse one quarter		1 00
L. Bacon.....	Scouring one quarter.....		50 00
E. Vigal.....	Washing towels		7 50
			15 83
	Total for miscellaneous objects.....		1,805 28
	<i>Printing.</i>		
W. & J. C. Greer.....	Printing circulars, &c.....	11 50	
	Printing circulars and contractors' bonds	10 50	
W. & J. C. Greer.....	Printing circulars.....		22 00
	do.....		21 50
J. & G. S. Gideon.....	Printing 400 copies of "Reasons against the passage of a special law for Fredericksburg, &c., Railroad Company"		14 50
W. & J. C. Greer.....	Printing contingent blanks and circulars.....		12 37
			46 00
	Total for printing.....		116 37
	<i>Labor.</i>		
James Herbert.....	3 days' service as laborer.....		3 00
R. A. Hawke.....	Assistant messenger and laborer, 1 quarter		112 50
James O'Neill	Laborer, 1 quarter.....		90 00
J. Hutchinson.....	do.....		75 00
James Reed	do.....		75 00
G. Spowden.....	do.....		75 00

R. A. Hawke.....	Assistant messenger and laborer, 3 quarters.....	337 50	
James O'Neill.....	Laborer, 3 quarters.....	270 00	
J. Hutchinson.....	do.....	225 00	
James Reed.....	do.....	225 00	
G. Snowden.....	do.....	225 00	
Sol. Sibley.....	Laborer and assistant messenger, 1 quarter.....	112 50	
Total for labor.....		1,825 50	
<i>Day watch.</i>			
R. B. Boyd.....	Services, 6 months, at \$30.....	180 00	
	do.....at \$40.....	240 00	
		420 00	
<i>Temporary clerks.</i>			
C. Rice, on account of Ed. Tremayne.....	Paid by order of Postmaster General.....	42 80	
Ed. Tremayne.....	Paid to W. O. Jones, on account of Tremayne, and by his order.....	7 20	
		50 00	
R. Burdine.....	Temporary clerk, 12 months.....		1,000 00
G. A. Schwarzman.....	do.....from 16th to 30th of June.....	43 96	
	do.....1 quarter.....	250 00	
	do.....do.....	250 00	
		543 96	
Solomon Sibley.....	Temporary clerk.....	133 50	
	do.....	45 00	
		178 50	
Samuel Sohl.....	Temporary clerk, from 19th to 31st of July.....	35 33	
	do.....20 days in August.....	54 35	
	do.....month of September.....	81 52	
	do.....1st of October to 31st of December.....	250 00	
		421 20	
J. K. Martin.....	Temporary clerk, from 15th to 31st of August.....	46 20	
	do.....month of September.....	81 52	
	do.....1st of October to 31st of December.....	250 00	
		377 72	
John Hall.....	Temporary clerk, 31 days.....	46 50	
	do.....20 days.....	30 00	
		76 50	
Total for temporary clerks.....		2,647 88	

